**MSF Access Campaign**  
**Policy and Advocacy Intern**

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I. **MSF INTERNATIONAL**

Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is an international, independent, medical humanitarian organisation that delivers emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, healthcare exclusion and natural disasters. MSF offers assistance to people based only on need and irrespective of race, religion, gender or political affiliation.

MSF International is the legal entity that binds MSF’s 21 sections, 24 associations and other offices together. Based in Geneva, MSF International provides coordination, information and support to the MSF movement, and implements international projects and initiatives as requested.

Médecins Sans Frontières set up the MSF Access Campaign in 1999 to address systemic challenges and improve access to existing medical tools (medicines, diagnostics and vaccines) and to stimulate the development of urgently needed better tools for people in countries where MSF works and beyond. The priorities of the Access Campaign are guided by the medical challenges faced by MSF and its patients in its operational settings. The primary objectives of the Access Campaign include identifying, analysing and advocating for changes around the legal and regulatory systems and practices that hinder access to medical tools and innovation suitable for people in need especially in resource limited settings.

II. **PLACE IN THE ORGANISATION**

The Access Campaign is recruiting 2 part time interns to assist the Policy and Medical teams. The interns will be based in Geneva.

III. **MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES**

Responsibilities during the internship will vary depending on the intern’s skills and interests as well as the internship weekly working hours, but they can include:

1. **Intellectual Property law and policy research**
   - Review of literature and laws concerning legal and policy barriers to access to adequate medicines, vaccine and diagnostics
   - Maintaining and updating patent data of key products in priority countries under supervision and in liaison with national offices of the Access Campaign
   - Background research on legal and policy issues related to priority medical products
   - Monitoring and researching international normative discussions on intellectual property, access to medicines and public health, under supervision
2. Research and Development (R&D) policy and advocacy

- Case study research on R&D for affordable medical tools including details on pricing, transparency and Intellectual Property protection
- Supporting advocacy for innovative R&D financing mechanisms by conducting background research and summarising findings for draft responses
- Monitoring and researching current developments in policies and practices impacting on access to medical tools including governmental, organisational and industry access policies to produce draft copy advocacy responses

3. Shadowing and supporting for Policy and Medical Teams

- Writing up meeting notes
- Support with coordination, logistics, and developing discussion strategies for meetings and calls
- Supporting relevant conference preparation and necessary logistics
- Summarising key documents
- Preparing presentations/ editing and improving slide graphics
- Shadowing at conferences and meetings to gain experience and develop understanding of the Access Campaign’s work
- Other support as needed

IV. Qualifications

- A Batchelor’s degree in law, social and political science or other relevant disciplines. Additional background in biochemical or medical science is desirable but not essential.
- Good analytical and drafting skills with excellent English language skills
- A sincere commitment to removing obstacles to access to medicines and enabling health needs-driven innovation
- Dynamic, self-motivated and able to take initiative under instruction

Starting date: 1 March 2017 or as soon as possible
Contract: 6 to 12 months internship – 40 to 60%
Location: Geneva, Switzerland
Candidates must already have the right to work in Switzerland or hold a European passport.
Deadline for applications: 31 January 2017

Please submit all applications only by email to:
IO-recruitment.gva@msf.org stating “AC Policy Intern” in the title.
Please submit your CV and cover letter in ONE file and name the file with your LAST NAME.

-Only short-listed candidate will be contacted-